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## President's Letter

### President Reports Good News, New Plans and Challenges

The Deke House was almost filled to capacity during two weekends this fall—Alumni Day on October 30 during UNC's Homecoming Weekend and Deke Parents Weekend, November 5-7. Both were testimony to the house's popularity with these two vitally important constituencies.

Below the surface, however, we have challenges. They mainly relate to a lower-than-expected fall rush in which DKE landed nine guys. They are great guys but just not enough of them when the average UNC fraternity pledge class was 12. The good news overall is that across the IFC, there was a 14 percent increase in pledging all houses.

So the brothers are working hard on spring rush in January, and they need your help. They need names and contact information for freshmen or sophomores who, for a variety of reasons, did not rush this fall. **Kinnson Sumner** is rush chair and can be reached at [jksumner@email.unc.edu](mailto:jksumner@email.unc.edu).

Back to the prevalent good news. We had a very productive meeting of the board of Beta DKE, Inc. on Alumni Day. Treasurer **Will Warrick '96** reported that we are in good shape financially. The big push in the next year will be to fully retire our debt from the renovation campaign. Collections are going well, and we urge all of our donors to stay current with their pledges and consider paying them off early. It is our goal to have no debt and no mortgage by the end of calendar year 2005.

For the first time, we have added a current DKE parent to the board in order to improve communications between the board and parents. Hap Holladay of Washington D.C., whose two sons are current brothers, has

joined our board.

You will hear and read a lot in the future about two initiatives approved by the board. We will be setting up a class agents system for alumni and development efforts. We will also be seeking volunteers to serve as post-graduation mentors for our graduating brothers. We will be doing a special mailing to all alumni, asking for your participation in both.

We will also be soliciting your involvement with a golf tournament at Finley that will be held on the same day in April that UNC football plays its Blue-White game. Stay tuned for details. The actives are organizing it in memory of **Si Sitterson**, and we alumni will be asked to tee it up.

In the Bond,

Jim Gray, President, Beta DKE, Inc. ■

### A Call for Help

The Deke House is putting a full-court press on spring rush this coming January, and they need alumni help! Please send in prospective rushees to Rush Chairman, **Kinnson Sumner** ([jksumner@email.unc.edu](mailto:jksumner@email.unc.edu)). He's looking for freshmen, sophomores and transfer students who did not take part in fall rush. The house goal is to pledge and eventually initiate ten more members of the new class.



Beta Board

# Undergraduate Report

By Charlie Adams, Brother Beta

## A Report from the Undergraduates

We are beginning to wrap up another successful semester at the DKE house. Having just taken office in October, I would like to commend our previous officers, **Alston Mann**, **Thompson Paine**, and **Lee Sigmon** for all the hard work they have put in over the past year. Vice President, **Trey Adams**, Treasurer, **Drew Spears**, and I look forward to continuing to build the DKE house toward new standards of excellence.

We have just completed a fantastic Alumni Weekend, held on October 30, which saw a great crowd, including the reunion of the class of 1968. Thanks to everyone who attended for making it a special weekend which was surprisingly topped off by a classic Kenan Stadium moment as the Heels upset Miami.

We are excited about our newly initiated members, who have come to Chapel Hill from throughout the Southeast. We anticipate a promising spring rush, yet still need some help in compiling a list of potential rushees. Names for spring rush or even fall of next year can be sent to our Rush Chair, Kinnison Sumner (jksunmer@email.unc.edu). I thank you all for your continued support of the DKE house and encourage you to stop by 132 S. Columbia sometime in the near future. ■



New Chapter Officers

## 2005 Pledge Class

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## Alumni

# Reunions

By L.E. Sawyer

## Sharing Memories: Class of 1968 Reunion

Eleven members of the class of '68 returned to the Beta Deke House on the weekend of October 29th and 30th to share memories of times gone by. They included **Tee Baur**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Kent Hedman**, Bratani, Ohio; **Walter Hussman**, Little Rock, Arkansas; **Winburne King**, Greensboro, N. C.; **Fred Priester**, Davenport, Iowa; **Allan Ramsay**, Durham, N. C.; **L. E. Sawyer**, Midland, Texas; **Joe Taylor**, Wrightsville Beach, N. C.; **Ben Tennille**, Winston Salem, N. C.; **Bob Toomey**, Columbia, S. C.; and **Paul Woodson**, Salisbury, N. C.

Festivities began Friday evening at a cocktail party and buffet dinner in the Old Well Ballroom of the Carolina Inn, where warm hugs and jolly stories abounded. A scrap book showed pledge trainer, Brother Pi **Tom Crudup '67**, bonding the neophytes as only Deke pledge training in those days could accomplish, as well as some of the outlandish pranks of the time, such as the

afternoon "Tiger Rag" Jamison "fell asleep" on a couch only to have the pledges carry the couch (with him still "sleeping") across Columbia Street to the sidewalk. There he was "awakened" by cheering from the brothers standing across the street. (In brotherly fashion, care was taken to lead Tiger back across the street.)

At the cocktail party, a DJ played tunes of the '60's from the juke box in the House, including "My Girl" by the Temptations and other Motown favorites. (These tunes had been provided earlier to each member of the pledge class by our Social Chairman, Walter Hussman, who sent copies of CDs burned with all the songs of the time. Ah, the party memories they evoked!)

The evening included a cordial visit by the current officers of the House, and brief presentations and discussion by **Jim Gray '70**, President of DKE, Inc., and **Berny Gray '72**, board member, describing the current activities of the

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Brothers enjoy returning to DKE for Alumni Weekend.



Just like the old days... dinner is better with some pretty girls at the table!

## **Sion A. Boney '44**

(725 Hood Place, Greensboro, NC 27408-6407) I am happily retired with four children (two boys and two girls), and six grandchildren (three boys and three girls). How's that for family planning?

## **Lewis C. Strudwick '52**

(120 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21202-1643) Who would have believed that I could have survived the infamous pledge class of 1948 and lived to practice law in Baltimore for 50 years?

**Creighton Brinson '52** can say the same.

## **Surry P. Roberts '62**

(120 Woodburn Rd., Raleigh, NC 27605-1617; surryroberts@akamail.com) I have now completed renovating and furnishing The Lodge at Sugar Hollow and three guest houses at Sugar Hollow Retreat, 24 miles west of Boone, N.C. This 300-acre property also had a conference center where superb Bluegrass music occurs

monthly. Multiple DKE brothers have visited. The website is [www.sugarhollow-retreat.com](http://www.sugarhollow-retreat.com). Come for a surprising and restful visit!

## **Steven M. McCarroll '68**

(113 Girard Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303-3832) Thanks, A Gray. Wish I were closer and could visit more easily. Don't think I am coming for the re-union. Hate that. Love the Dekes.

## **Robert C. Toomey '68**

(6416 Goldbranch Rd., Columbia, SC 29206-3342; rct526@aol.com) I've been semi-retired since 2001. I was married November 1, 2003, to Louisa Burriss. We spend a lot of time in Asheville/Montréat.

## **R. Stephen Lucie '71**

(3935 Ortega Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210-4417) I will be back in the area September 24 as a Blue Devil. I am attending business school at Duke.

## **John P. Dooley '73**

(12 Pollywog Pond Road, Nantucket, MA 02554; jdooleycpa@comcast.net) I saw **Duncan Anderson '73** recently in Nantucket. He tells me he's sold his business, bought a sailboat and retired to St Barts, FWI.

## **Elwood B. Coley, '77**

(140 Cortland Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789-3926) I am married to Melanie Calvert and have been for 21 years. Our two daughters have attended Episcopal High School. Calvert graduated May 29 and will attend UNC in the fall. Catherine will finish her freshman year at EHS in May. I have worked with Trammell Crown Company for 23 years and live in Winter Park, FL.

## **Arthur C. George '78**

(1815 Thornton Ridge Road, Towson, MD 21204-1841) My family is doing well - wife, Kathryn, Ellet (19), Pell (17), and Taz (14), and having fun in Baltimore.

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House. Finally, Tee Baur played a video interview of **Mr. Eddie Caldwell**, which he had produced, and Eddie warmed our hearts by giving his Deke toast. At the end, Eddie grinned in his inimitable way and said, "People have asked me what this toast means? Well, to me it means you should take another drink!" And so we did.

On Saturday, we were welcomed at the House by the current brothers as we chatted and meandered around, admiring the restored spiral staircase and watching the co-eds walk by. Just like old times.

The traditional BBQ began in grand style under large tents in the front yard with tables set with fall flowers. There was much good cheer and conviviality as the house buzzed with pre-game activity. Just like old times.

Then a group of our class sat together in the upper deck of Kenan Stadium and was treated to a balmy night and the sight of a stadium filled with Carolina Blue, rocking with cheers and the band blaring "I'm a Tar Heel Born." Pandemonium reigned when the winning field goal went through the goal posts as time expired. Top 5 ranked Miami went down! The students rushed the field in the crazed joy of the moment, and we were all reminded of the exciting times of our college days in a special way.

We departed with even stronger bonds to a place and a group of friends whom we always call brothers. We were reminded that our time in Chapel Hill was an extraordinary experience by any measure, and that 132 Columbia Street is the mystical site where friendships are made for a lifetime. ■

## House

# Support

## **Eddie Caldwell Fund Established for Repairs and Maintenance**

The DKE board has created The Eddie Caldwell Fund that will be used for repairs and maintenance at 132 South Columbia Street.

Initially, money from the sale of Deke House prints will go into the fund. It will be administered jointly by the active treasurer and the alumni board president. In the coming months we will solicit support for the fund from alumni, parents and actives.

Inspiring prints of the DKE House are again for sale for \$100 plus \$5 postage. All prints are signed by Eddie Caldwell and come with a Carolina Blue mat. The total dimensions are 13 inches by 16 inches.

Our supply is limited, so please order today. Mail your check made out to DKE to: Jim Gray, 108 Laurel Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. ■

## **DKE Alumni Gatherings**



3 Dekes & guests at a party



BBQ before game

# Alumni UpDates ... continued

Please call us whenever you are in Baltimore. My best to everyone.

## Alfred M. Randolph, '84

(1242 N. Bay Shore Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23451; amrandolph@kaufcan.com) The class of 1984 assembled for our 20-year reunion at **John Wickham's** beautiful beach home in DeBordieu, S.C., the weekend of May 14-16. **Phillip Altenbern, Doug Beach, Wood Britton, Hadley Callaway, Clint Field, Steve Gehlmann, John Hamilton, Chris Hill, Richard Hunt, Ran Randolph, Pat Roddy, Alex Thorpe,** and John Wickham all attended. Old times were alive and well as we traded DKE memories for three days. Everyone looked pretty much the same and seemed happy. When we got back together it was like we never left. That's the measure of true friendship.

## John W. Livesay '93

(1512 1/2 Hanover Street, Raleigh, NC 27608-2536; jlivesay@nc.rr.com) Betsy and I had a baby boy on April 30, 2004 named Woody Hodges Livesay.

## Matthew R. Hoyt '94

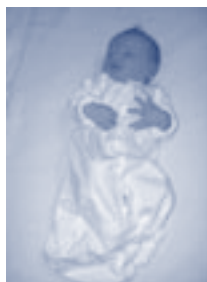
(10 Calle Arbolitos, Placitas, NM 87043-9216; mhoyt@earthlink.net) My wife Aimee and I summited Denali (Mt. McKinley)



this past June. It took us about 16 hours on summit day (mainly due to having to posthole through five days of fresh snow; summit day normally takes eight to twelve hours) and around 20 days over all. During that time, Denali threw a lot at us -- a major five-day storm that marooned us at high camp with dwindling food, sheltering a Spanish team member who lost his tent to that storm, a 17-hour single carry from 14 to 17,000 feet thanks to high winds that required us to hold up in a snow cave at 16,200 feet for most of that afternoon, and, of course, breaking trail at various times on summit day. Aimee and I are thrilled to have done this together and come back safely.

## Christopher M Harris '95

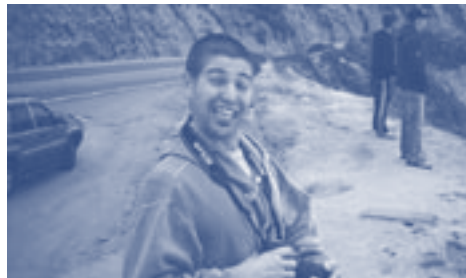
(113 Little Branch Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; charris@unc.edu) Lee and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Alice Adeleine "Adele" Harris. Adele was born on September 11, 2004 in Chapel Hill.



## Joshua W Davis '99

(5007 Chandlers Wharf, Ste. 201, Christiansted, VI 00820; davisjw@yahoo.com) Hey everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. I live in St. Croix (USVI) now. Actually, I'm in Hong Kong at the moment... saw the guy in the attached pic last week

in CA...Keep in touch! I'm staying up for late night...



## Erik B. Johnson '02

(1 St. Francis Place, Apartment # 2103, San Francisco, CA 94107; Erik.B.Johnson@wellsfargo.com) **Richard Moore '02, Jeb Terry '03,** and **Erik Johnson '02** enjoy some cocktails together in Cabo San Lucas.



## Edward T. Baur

(9008 Haverford Terrace Ln., Saint Louis, MO 63117-1050; etbaur@earthlink.net) Shellie and I are enjoying our six grandchildren (ages six months to nine years). Our daughter, Hadley, will be getting married in Montana in September. She is 30 years old, lives in Atlanta, and works for Coca-Cola. ■

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